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WT 11-65: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing regarding the proposed merger of AT&TInc. and Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile USA subsidiary.

I support this merger from a public interest standpoint. The technology underlying the two companies' offerings - mobile broadband networks - are rapidly becoming vital resources to consumers and organizations. The ability to communicate and process information over the Internet is becoming as important as making a telephone call was in an earlier era.

For those residents, in my district, a speedy, reliable mobile broadband network can be considered an essential backbone of the local economy. Many of my constituents, are farmers who use mobile devices while they are in the field to access a wide range of information from weather reports to commodity prices. They also want the ability to reliably process transactions, which can be done if the area has the latest generation of network technology.

The same desire for a robust network exists among the men and women in my legislative district who serve at Mt. Home Air Force Base. Although the base

maintains its own proprietary defense networks, the servicemen and women there would like the same ability as those in big cities to use the variety of applications available to smartphone users, particularly those services that help them in their education and career development after serving their country.

Being a businessman myself, I understand that in order to grow, you must be able to expand your customer base. This is what I believe will occur once the merger is completed - an extension of the companies' broadband networks to areas of the state not currently covered will help generate new customers for our local businesses.

It is for these reasons and many others that I feel a merger between AT&Tand T-Mobile USA is in the best interest of my constituents, and the state of Idaho. I strongly recommend that the Commission approve the merger.

Sincerely,

Tim Corder, Idaho State Senator

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